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Applicant: LITTLE et al.

Serial No.: 08/786,988

Filed: January 23, 1997

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING
AND ANALYZING LOW VOLUME ANALYTE
ARRAY ELEMENTS

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Le, L.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment responsive to the Office Action, mailed August 27, 1999, with a check (\$340) for the requisite fees for a two month extension of time (\$190) and Notice of Appeal (\$150), a Notice of Appeal and a return postcard. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Extension fee for response within the second month:

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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension, fees for excess claims and any fee, including any submitted herewith if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount or otherwise improper or missing, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Sir:

Entry of this AMENDMENT, which is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 7, 1999, and entry of the attached executed DECLARATION pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132 are respectfully requested. The DECLARATION is substantially identical to that filed with the previous response that was considered by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that entry of this amendment reduces the issues for appeal or places the case into condition for allowance cancelling rejected claims 100 and 101.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 100 and 101 without prejudice or disclaimer

REMARKS

A check for the fees for a two month extension of time and a Notice of Appeal accompanies this response. A Notice of Appeal is filed herewith. Any fees that may be due in connection with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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